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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled PUMP AND TUBE SET THEREFOR are the following:

- Information Disclosure Statement 1.
- 2. Form PTO-1449, in duplicate
- Copies of References as cited on Form PTO-1449 (27 total); and
- Return Receipt Postcard 4.

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